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Talk about a Compassionate City!



Chris Owen Director

It is a pleasure to announce Ashley Haering has joined the Louisville Metro Policy, Advocacy and Outreach Team. Ashley joins us as an Outreach Specialist under the Office for Women with the Safe Havens arant.

Ashley's work will include providing outreach to immigrants, refugees and other populations for Safe Havens/Visitation & Exchange Center and community education.

Ashley has traveled extensively to several countries. She holds a bachelor's degree from U of L in Sociology and a master's degree from the University of London in Human Rights. While in London, she worked directly with victims of domestic violence with Refuge, a UK organization offering assistance to women and children.

Now back in Louisville, she is taking steps to build the local chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and is a Big Sister (with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Louisville) to a lucky 9-year-old. Ashley dreams of one day influencing women's issues by affecting policy change on a national scale.

Louisville - You WOW'd Them!

Saturday, June 9th, the Army of Women was in town to collect breast tissue for a study on women who have worked shifts. It's all part of research efforts to learn more so we can prevent breast cancer.

Here's what <u>WDRB reported</u>: "Officials say so many women turned up to help donate at the event that they had to turn some away." !!

Congratulations and A HUGE Thank You to everyone who participated. You can still join the Army of Women in the Dr. Susan G. Love Foundation's effort, because the battle is not over.

- ⇒ Join the <u>Army of Women</u>
- ⇒ Breast Cancer Shift Work Study.

Why Shift Worker Studies?

Numerous studies are being done on women who

worked shifts to find out whether changing the sleep cycle affects their health.

The results from some studies have connected working shifts to increased risk of cancer (including breast cancer), heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes.



The studies are necessary to Identify connections, prove cause effect and so researchers can work on finding solutions

From KY Commission on Women: Women's Health Kiosk Unveiled

The Kentucky Commission on Women unveiled a new women's health kiosk in LaGrange this week. (You can read more about here.) In 2011 a kiosk was unveiled here in Louisville at Park DuValle.

The Kiosks are a new creative way of using technology to bring health information to underserved women. While the kiosk system relies on modern technology, the users do not need sophisticated computer knowledge. Information is designed for easy comprehension. Anyone who can operate an ATM machine can use the touch screen. A telephone connection allows the user to access "immediate assistance" or make appointments.

<u>Bilingual touch-screen kiosk offers</u> <u>general health information</u>

Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) Executive Director Eleanor Jordan and other women's health advocates today unveiled a new interactive women's wellness kiosk at the Hope Health Clinic in La Grange.

The Baptist Hospital Foundation purchased the kiosk at the Hope Health Clinic. \dots

The Baptist Hospital Foundation, supporting Baptist Hospital Northeast in La Grange and Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, provides many programs and services that

THANK YOU . . . to Tania Lynch

Tania interned with OFW last semester. During her internship with OFW, Tania divided her time by spending half onsite at OFW and half at the Center for Women and Families working on a project for the Dating Violence Task Force. (You can see a sample of

enhance the quality of healthcare, including providing funds to update and purchase new equipment for community organizations.

The kiosk design is similar to that of an automated teller machine. Health information is provided in a manner that serves multiple reading abilities for easy comprehension and recollection. The touch-screen technology attracts visitors and allows for the information to be provided in both audio and visual formats to appeal to a broader audience.

The bilingual touch-screen kiosk provides a wide range of information on general women's wellness and breast health, including symptoms and treatment, options for diabetes, asthma, cancers, weight management, smoking cessation, STDs, depression, heart health, domestic violence and HIV-AIDS.

Each topic is programmed with women's health stories, preventive measures, suggested follow-up questions to ask a healthcare provider and encouragement to visit a medical professional. The kiosk also includes a telephone that is programmed to connect the user with immediate assistance or to schedule appointments. ...

(See the full press release here.)

Tania's Dating Violence work here.)

We are grateful for her hard work and dedication to women's issues and women's health. Please join us in wishing Tania all the best in her new job and future plans.



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Women's Organizations

OFW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Some events OFW visited in Louisville: (see photos. More photos are viewable at OFW Louisville on Facebook) Saturday, June 9th, the Hispanic/Latino Health Fair at the Americana Community Center was a great success. There was of health information, screenings and fun.

The Americana Community Center has been a busy place this month. It hosted Worldfest on June 2^{nd} . If you missed it, put it on your calendar for next year!

Coming up July 2^{nd} , Beaded Treasures celebrates their One-Year Anniversary.

Click on the links to see details in the calendar.



Friday, June 08, 2012 - Sunday, June 24, 2012

<u>Buried Child @ Bunbury Theatre</u>

Monday, June 11, 2012 - Monday, June 25, 2012

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business

Monday, June 11, 2012 - Friday, June 15, 2012

ooking for Lilith Summer Drama Camp

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Beaded Treasures @ Refugee Day

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

2012 MHC Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

<u> June 27 - 9th Annual Jeffersontown Community Career Expo</u>

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mammograms - UofL Hospital & James Graham Brown Cancer Center

Monday, July 02, 2012

July 2- Beaded Treasures Anniversary













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